

Dear Friends,

Older adults are the core business of our health care system. Yet when The John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing (Hartford Institute) was first envisioned 10 years ago, few people recognized the urgent and grave necessity to reorient nursing to that reality. In launching the Hartford Institute, we sought to engage the nursing profession to fully embrace geriatric practice and the health care sector to fully recognize nursing excellence as an essential component in caring for older adults. Today, the importance of geriatric nursing — amid an aging population and national nursing shortage — is widely acknowledged.

As this timeline makes clear, so much has changed in one decade! Thanks to an enormous and generous outpouring of support and commitment from funders, nursing and health care organizations, and individual nurses, the Hartford Institute has enhanced the profession of nursing to the point where geriatric competence is becoming the standard. We have put new nursing knowledge into the hands of tens of thousands of nurses — whether those graduating from college or well into their careers; spurred critical research into geriatric health care; helped hundreds of hospitals refocus on their older patients and make profound changes to ensure their health; and established standards for adequate nursing care for nursing home residents.

Due to the vision and founding gift of The John A. Hartford Foundation, these achievements have been possible. We thank them, and you, for your ongoing support.

Mathy Mezey, Terry Fulmer, Elizabeth Capezuti

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

The NYU College of Nursing is deeply grateful to The John A. Hartford Foundation for 10 years and \$10 million of support. The Foundation's vision and generosity have improved care for millions of older adults.

With a special thank you for the sustained commitment and sage advice of the National Board of Advisors of the Hartford Institute.

The Hartford Institute also thanks the following organizations and foundations for their key roles in supporting, embracing, funding, and disseminating our initiatives to promote best practice in care for older adults:

Alzheimer's Association

American Academy of Nursing

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Geriatrics Society

American Journal of Nursing

American Organization of Nurse Executives

American Nurses Association

The Atlantic Philanthropies

Avon Foundation

The Commonwealth Fund

Gerontological Society of America

Health Research and Services Administration (HRSA)

The Measurement Group

The Merck Company Foundation

Advance for Nurses

Nursing Spectrum

Thank you also to the many outstanding nursing experts who collaborated on creating our materials and to the many champions of care of older adults who took the materials and brought them to life in their own sites, ensuring best practice as the standard practice in care of older adults.

MISSION

The Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing

seeks to shape the quality of health care older Americans receive by promoting the highest level of geriatric competence in all nurses. The Hartford Institute identifies and develops best practices in nursing care of older adults and infuses these practices into the education of every nursing student and the work environment of every practicing nurse. It also encourages national leadership to establish best practice as the standard for geriatric nursing care.



Dr. Mathy Mezey, director; Dean Terry Fulmer and Dr. Elizabeth Capezuti, co-directors



Elaine Gould, director for programs, and Malvina Kluger, projects manager, have implemented the Hartford Institute's many initiatives over 10 years.



Jessica Scholder-Esterson, Hartford Institute/Nurse Competence in Aging project director, and Amy Berman, former education initiatives director

Special thank you to the Hartford Institute's committed and devoted staff.



key accomplishments

Raised the bar of acceptable geriatric nurse competence in workplace and academic settings

Transformed attitudes toward geriatric nursing, resulting in an enhanced commitment to geriatric health on the part of a wide range of institutions and individuals

Developed substantial, accessible educational resources to enhance nurses' geriatric competence in the workforce and educational settings

Convened academic, hospital-based, and other organizational constituencies to provide a collective voice on behalf of better older-adult care

Furthered national awareness of geriatric care as an important and fulfilling role for nurses

Demonstrated that the nursing profession can make a significant contribution to geriatric research

THE IMPACT 1996–2006

6,000 hospital- and nursing home-based staff developers receive educational materials on geriatric nursing best practice

197 hospitals join the NICHE program

400,000 nurses receive information on geriatric nursing best practices through specialty associations

127 Scholars and Fellows Summer Research Seminar graduates obtain more than \$25 million in research funds

592 member nursing programs of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing provide their students and faculty with geriatric materials and messages of geriatric best practice through the Hartford Institute

33 issues of *Try This* published

150+ scholarly articles published by Hartford Institute faculty and staff

300+ presentations and trainings conducted by Hartford Institute faculty and staff

350,000 readers of the *American Journal of Nursing* and 5,000 government and agency staff members reached through the *Nursing Counts* supplement

strength in numbers

THE JOHN A. HARTFORD FOUNDATION INSTITUTE FOR GERIATRIC NURSING



10 Years of Improving
Care of Older Adults
through Nursing

MAKING GERIATRIC BEST PRACTICE STANDARD PRACTICE

THE JOHN A. HARTFORD FOUNDATION INSTITUTE FOR GERIATRIC NURSING

milestones

- EDUCATION
- PRACTICE
- RESEARCH
- POLICY



Donna Regenstreif, senior program officer of The John A. Hartford Foundation, is instrumental in creating the Hartford Institute



Diane McGovern is head of the NYU Division of Nursing when the Hartford Institute opens



Ribbon cutting for newly created Hartford Institute home; (l to r): Terry Fulmer; James D. Farley, former chairman, Hartford Foundation; Mathy Mezey

First American Association of Colleges of Nursing/Hartford Institute Award for Baccalaureate Education in Geriatric Nursing

First Best Practices Conference is held

First Gerontological Society of America/Hartford Institute Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award

First Nursing Counts is published



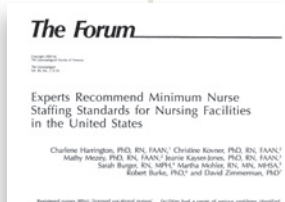
NICHE program begins under Hartford Institute leadership.



Gerontological Society of America Nursing Care for Older Adults Interest Group reaches 250-plus participants



Start of the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative, a collaboration of the three Hartford Foundation-funded initiatives



2000



Hartford Institute moves into the newly renovated Division of Nursing headquarters at 246 Greene Street



Health Affairs article on the nursing workforce is published

Hartford Institute begins consumer-education series in local newspapers nationwide

Nurse Competence in Aging is founded, funded by The Atlantic Philanthropies (USA) Inc., it forms a strategic alliance among the American Nurses Association, American Nurses Credentialing Center, and the Hartford Institute

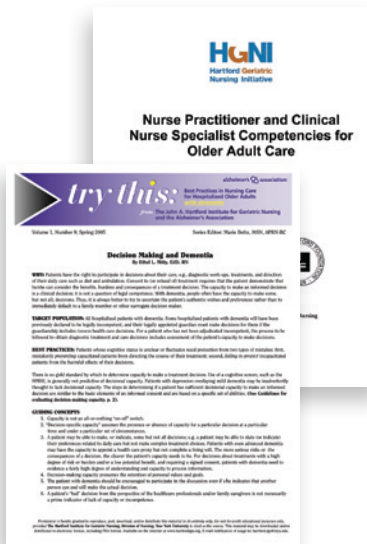


Elizabeth Capezuti joins the Hartford Institute as co-director



Best Nursing Practices in Care of Older Adults Curriculum Guide for Baccalaureate Education and Staff Development issued as CD Rom

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) posts selected Hartford Institute-developed protocols on its website



American Association of Colleges of Nursing/Hartford Institute publish advanced practice nursing Competencies.

Try This Dementia series starts, funded by Alzheimer's Association



College of Nursing is established at NYU

Hartford Institute receives funding from American Association of Colleges of Nursing to develop upper-level baccalaureate geriatric course content



NYU Nursing holds Celebrating Geriatric Nursing gala, honoring, from left: Mark Beers, Mathy Mezey, Norman H. Volk, chairman of the Hartford Foundation



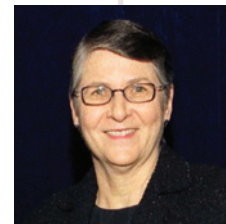
127 geriatric nurse researchers have participated in the Scholars and Fellows Summer Research Seminar

Hartford Institute collaborates with American Organization of Nurse Executives to begin Elder-Friendly Hospital Initiative



"Geriatric Competencies for RNs in Hospitals" is published in the Journal for Nurses in Staff Development

"The Nurse Competence in Aging Initiative" is published in American Journal of Nursing



Corinne Rieder, executive director of the Hartford Foundation, champions and propels the mission of the Hartford Institute

The Atlantic Philanthropies provides planning grant for NICHE expansion

1996

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2001

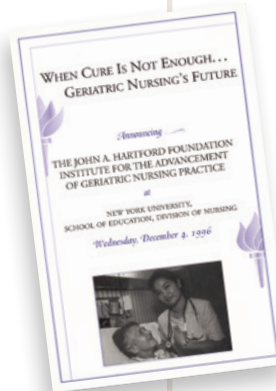
2002

2003

2004

2005

2006



Opening celebration takes place

Start of collaboration with the Consortium of New York Geriatric Education Centers



Claire Fagin is appointed chair, National Board of Advisors



National Board of Advisors appointment and first meeting

Start of Hartford Institute website

First annual Scholars and Fellows Summer Research Seminar is held



First Try This is published; will appear regularly in 20 publications

Creation of Best Nursing Practices in Care for Older Adults Curriculum Guide for Baccalaureate Education and Staff Development

Results of national BSN school survey of geriatric content are published in the Journal of Professional Nursing

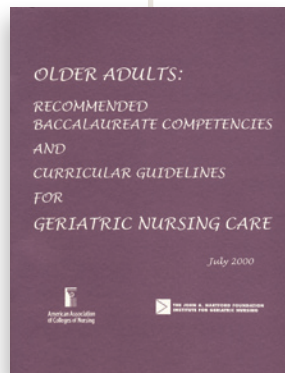


Start of Specialty Nursing Activities Partnership Program (SNAPP) exhibit booth: 1999-2004; funded by the Avon Foundation

Geriatric Nursing Protocols for Best Practice, 1st edition, is published by Springer Publishing Company

Minimum Nurse Staffing Standards for Nursing Facilities is published in The Gerontologist

First Regional Nursing Research Society Geriatric Research Awards are presented



American Association of Colleges of Nursing/Hartford Institute BSN Competencies is published



First Nursing Counts is published by the American Journal of Nursing, coordinated by Charlene Harrington and Christine Kovner

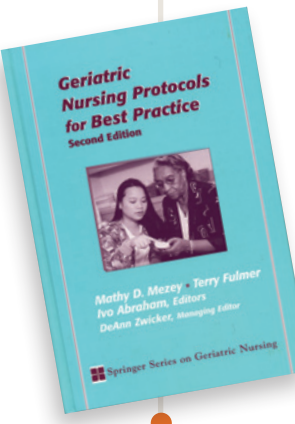
Hartford Institute convenes new Coalition of Geriatric Nursing Organizations, representing 18,500 nurses; Sarah Greene Burger, chair



Free national gerontological nursing certification review course launched on the Hartford Institute website



Celebrating the GSA/Hartford Institute Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award, 2002 (l to r): May Wyckle, Jeanie Kayser-Jones, Mathy Mezey, Thelma Wells, Carol Brink, Terry Fulmer, Neville Strumpf, Lois Evans



Protocols book, 2nd Edition, receives American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year award in geriatrics



Nurse Competence in Aging project launches GeroNurseOnline.org website

Teaching Nursing Home Project started, funded by Health Research and Services Administration, Commonwealth Fund

American Organization of Nurse Executives/NICHE Award is initiated to honor a hospital that embodies best practice in nursing care to older adults



Rachael Watman is appointed new program officer for nursing at the Hartford Foundation

Results of national BSN school follow-up survey of geriatric content are published in the Journal of Professional Nursing

Journal of the American Geriatrics Society publishes paper: "Experts Recommend Strategies for Strengthening the Use of Advanced Practice Nurses in Nursing Homes"

